

1 REMARKS

2 Status of the Claims

3 Claims 5 and 9-12 are now pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 6, 7-8, and 13-15
4 have been cancelled in the present amendment, Claims 16-20 were previously cancelled by
5 applicants, and Claims 21-55 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a
6 non-elected invention. For the record, applicants affirmatively cancel Claims 21-55 hereinabove.
7 Claims 5, 9, 10, and 11, originally filed as dependent claims, have been rewritten in independent
8 form, each rewritten claim generally including elements of the base and intervening claims.

9 Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

10 The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being
11 indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants
12 regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that the "element" of the magnetic
13 field generator coupled with the prime mover is vague. In Claim 13, a plurality of receiver coils
14 lacks antecedent basis.

15 Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 13-25 without prejudice, and thus, the
16 rejection of these claims is now moot. Claims 5, 9, 10, 11 have been amended, and the element to
17 which the Examiner has objected (i.e., the element coupled with the prime mover) is no longer recited
18 in the claims. Claim 12 depends from Claim 11, which has been amended to obviate the rejection.
19 Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 5 and 9-12 as being indefinite should be withdrawn.

20 Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

21 The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being
22 obvious in view of the combination of various references. Applicants have cancelled
23 Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 13-15, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

24 Allowable Subject Matter

25 The Examiner has indicated that Claims 5 and 9-12 would be allowed if rewritten both to
26 overcome the indefiniteness rejection, and in independent form, including the elements of the base
27 and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended Claims 5, 9, 10 and 11 in the manner
28 indicated by the Examiner. Claim 12, already dependent upon Claim 11, required no amendment.

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1 In consideration of the preceding amendment and remarks, it will be apparent that all claims
2 in this application are patentable. The Examiner is therefore requested to pass this application to
3 Issue without delay. In the event that any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to
4 telephone applicants' attorney at the number listed below.
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